

**February 13, 2014 Resolution of the  
VANDERBURGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
In Support Of 100% SMOKE FREE WORKPLACES & PUBLIC PLACES**

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**WHEREAS**, The United States Surgeon General states: "The debate is over, the science is clear, secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard that causes premature death and diseases. . ."

**WHEREAS**, secondhand smoke is a workplace hazard and no employee should have to choose between a job and their health in order to earn a living; and

**WHEREAS**, all credible economic studies show communities with comprehensive smoke free workplace laws have not seen a negative impact on the hospitality industry or any other sector; and

**WHEREAS**, smoke free policies decrease absenteeism among non-smoking employees, reduce housekeeping and maintenance costs, lower insurance rates and reduce smoking-related fires; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Surgeon General, the only way to effectively protect individuals from the hazards of secondhand smoke is to **completely** eliminate indoor smoking; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Vanderburgh County Board of Health supports optimal protection of the public through an ordinance requiring **one hundred percent (100%) smoke-free environments** in all workplaces and public places.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014 in Vanderburgh County, Indiana and forwarded to the Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners, the Mayor of Evansville, and the members of the Evansville City Council.



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